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Executive Director

To

Prof. Dr. Mirjam van Reisen, LUMC, The Netherlands
Prof. Dr. Tegawendé Bissyandé, Université de Luxembourg

Re: Collaboration VODAN-Africa with CONDUIT

Dear Prof. Dr. Van Reisen and Prof. Dr. Tegawendé Bissyandé,

The National Agency for Digital Infrastructure and the Digital Transformation Initiative in Burkina Faso is delighted to work with you and your teams in Africa on research for an improved infrastructure for data production in health data. We particularly welcome its focus on data ownership and data-visiting and -sharing in the medical field. This is much needed. Based on the philosophy of Findable, Accessible, Interoperable and Reusable (FAIR)-data, you propose a distributed data-architecture of federated data to produce quality data that will benefit health practitioners and researchers.

The lack of data ownership is a major reason as to why quality data for health in Africa is scarcely available. FAIR-principles gives us the architecture to clarify the ethical and regulatory basis for data-visiting and data-sharing. We are interested to participate in this approach.

In Burkina Faso, we link innovation with capacity building. Your research also promotes collaboration of innovating labs with universities and all stakeholders in the health sector. We welcome that.

We understand that you are partnering with Stanford University on establishing the Center,

CONDUIT, which will create a pathway for ethical data-sharing globally. We support this effort, and it is imperative that Africa is included in this research. From Burkina Faso, we are interested in this partnership and we will remain at your disposal for the implementation of the proposed research.

Sincerely,

